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PENFOLD'S WINES.

Madame Clara Butt, when in Adelaide, visited Penfold's Vineyard. After expressing great surprise at the magnitude of the cellar and stock of wine, Madame Clara Butt highly complimented Messrs. Penfold on the quality of their wine.

THE SYDNEY MAIL.

ANOTHER HOLIDAY NUMBER.

BRIGHT, ENTERTAINING PAGES.

SPLENDID CITY AND COUNTRY PICTURES.

ENTERTAINING ARTICLES AND STORIES.

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A British subject which the Imperial authorities cannot deny; and we have to recognize that in proportion as Western ideas filter into India, those rights are likely to be the more vigorously insisted on. It is impossible to forecast what the solution will be, but we can hardly go wrong in assuming that an awakened Asia will mean an Asia keen to find an outlet for its superfluous population. This is one of the most remarkable features in the social evolution of new Japan. We see the tide steadily setting outward. It may be checked in Canada and California, but it turns aside to Brazil—to Brazil or to another place. At any rate, it must go on. It is not later this problem will be solved, but that itself to the Empire as a matter of life and death. It is well, at any rate, that we should know what we mean to do; and specially important is it that the Imperial and Colonial authorities should see eye to eye. Only by full and thorough exchange of views are we likely to reach such unanimity; for on the one hand the Britisher cannot realize where springs our great dread of a sub-population of Asiatics; and on the other hand we are apt to deal too high-handedly with a matter that has its Imperial side. The suggestion to reserve portions of the Empire for Oriental immigration is, we fear, somewhat an academic one. At any rate, the portions the white man cannot convert to his own use are so trifling in area as to afford little relief.

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POSTAL DIFFICULTIES.

The failure of the General Post Office to cope with the business of the holiday season appears to have caused a widespread inconvenience. There is no doubt something in the plea that makes the postal crisis responsible for the block, and the office of the department is to be commiserated. It is not yet possible to say what it will do.

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STAMP PRINTING. THE BUTT-RUMFOLD CONCERT.

Mrs. Clara Butt and Mr. Kenneth Rumfold's appearance at the Town Hall on Saturday night, prior to their departure for New Zealand, attracted the largest audience that the hall has ever seen. The programme was a most successful one, and the artists were highly praised for their performance.

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ASIATIC PROBLEM.

IMPERIAL SECRETARIAT'S DUTY.

IMPARTIAL INQUIRY WANTED.

LONDON, Dec. 28. The "Times" recommends the Imperial Secretariat to organise a Commission to represent the Empire to investigate the Asiatic problem, and make plain the mutual difficulties which lie in the way of its solution.

Possibly, the "Times" writes, the evidence given before such a Commission would convince some of our most exclusive colonies that it is impossible entirely to bang the door against the growing tide of population in the East; possibly the universal immigration of Asiatics would be fatal to our civilisation and race.

Certain parts of the Empire which are most suited to Orientals and least suited to our habits might be specially reserved for Oriental immigration.

IN THE TRANSVAAL.

MANY INDIANS ARRESTED.

FAILURE TO REGISTER.

Mr. Gandhi, an Indian pleader, addressing a mass meeting of Indians on the Rand, said that the sanction given by Lord Elgin, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Transvaal Immigration Restriction Act, had unduly strained the loyalty of Indians, for it was a barbarous and savage measure, although passed by an avowedly Christian Government.

Mr. Gandhi and eight of his compatriots have been prosecuted for failing to register under the Asiatic Registration Act. They have been released on parole. Mr. Gandhi has been arrested elsewhere in the Transvaal.

REPORTING RESISTERS.

POWER GIVEN BY IMMIGRATION ACT.

The "Times" writes that the Imperial Government to the "Immigrants" Restriction Act which the Transvaal to enforce the Asiatic Registration Act by deporting passive resistors.

IN CANADA.

CHINESE QUARTER SACKED.

LONDON, Dec. 28. Advice from Portland, Oregon, states that an erroneous report at Lethbridge, Alberta, that a citizen had been murdered in a Chinese restaurant, had caused a mob to wreck the Oriental quarter in that town. The police were powerless. Finally the mounted police were called out, and a brigade of them dispersed the rioters.

NEW YORK FINANCIAL CRISIS.

ANOTHER SUICIDE.

LONDON, Dec. 27. Ernest Stadman, vice-president of the J. C. Lyons' Building Company, New York, which failed for £1,250,000, his own losses being £500,000, committed suicide by throwing himself under a train in a subway.

REDUCED RENTS WANTED.

Five thousand of the poorer tenants in the East End of New York refuse to pay their rents, unless they are substantially reduced.

BURDEN OF DEFENCE.

The Colonial Contributions.

RAIDING AN ARSENAL.

A DESERTER ARRESTED.

The man who obtained entrance to the treasury of the Vienna Arsenal by deceiving the officers in the same way as a man deceived the Major of Kopenick, near Berlin, has been arrested. He gave his name as Goldschmidt, and was discovered by a deserter from the army.

In his possession was found a considerable sum of money, which he had obtained by robbing a woman a sum of which he had previously robbed her.

COMBATING THE "BLACK HAND."

A "WHITE HAND" FORMED.

LONDON, Dec. 28. The better class Italian clergy and watchmen in New York, Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia have formed a White Hand Society to assist the police against the Black Hand, which is blackmailing prominent Italians in the cities mentioned under threats of murder.

HOUSING OF MINERS.

ROYAL COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION.

LONDON, Dec. 28. At the instance of the Royal Commission on the health of miners, Dr. J. S. Haldane, an eminent authority on the hygiene of mining, will inspect the houses of Scottish miners, with a view of making recommendations concerning the housing of miners.

PUNISH WHEAT AREA.

REDUCED BY DROUGHT.

LONDON, Dec. 28. Drought which afflicts the Punjab has reduced the wheat area of the province from 9,000,000 acres to 5,000,000 acres.

In the Punjab famine conditions are expected to prevail shortly in the Rohilkhand and Oudh districts, and considerable distress is expected in other parts of the Delhi division, but outside that area the acute distress has been averted.

PORT SAID LABOURERS' STRIKE.

LONDON, Dec. 28. Nearly 100,000 tons of coal are awaiting discharge at Port Said. The coal-brokers on strike will demand an extra 50 per cent for coal landed or shipped.

THE DRUCE CASE.

GRAVE TO BE OPENED.

NOT MATERIAL TO PLAINTIFF'S SUIT.

LONDON, Dec. 27. Dr. T. H. Tristram, Chancellor of the Diocese of London, has granted a faculty for opening the grave of T. C. Druce at Highgate. He refused to allow George Hollamby Druce or his solicitor to be present, considering their presence unnecessary, because Dr. Pepper, from the Home Office, will be entirely responsible for the exhumation. Herbert Druce did not oppose the application for the opening of the grave.

Dec. 28. The "Daily Mail" reports that the exhumation of the body of T. C. Druce will be made on Monday.

Before Dr. Tristram, Mr. Statham, who appeared as counsel for George Hollamby Druce, stated that the opening of the vault was absolutely immaterial to the main issue in George Hollamby Druce's action against Lord Howard de Walden. That action did not turn on the question of a mock burial, but on the fact whether the fifth Duke of Portland married Elizabeth Crickmer, and whether the marriage was valid, both being under age.

George Hollamby Druce, Mr. Statham continued, claimed that he was descended from that marriage. When the Duke of Portland was subsequently guilty of ecclesiastical, and indulged in a mock funeral, did not affect the question. Mr. G. H. Druce, Mr. Statham said, came from Melbourne with Mr. Druce, would like to be present at the opening of the vault, though they would be represented by a medical man and a surveyor. Mr. Herbert Druce, the defendant in the perjury action, would also be represented by a medical man and a surveyor.

Dr. Tristram said he thought that the presence of Mr. G. H. Druce was not necessary, since he would be represented at the exhumation.

BRITISH CABINET.

REPORTED REARRANGEMENT DENIED.

STRUGGLING POLAND.

SUPPRESSION OF SCHOOLS.

BOYCOTTING PRUSSIA.

AUSTRIAN POLES' REVENGE.

THE TRIAL OF DINIZULU.

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THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1907.

INDIA.

WILD SCENE OF DISORDER.

THE CONFERENCE CLOSED.

AN OLD RESIDENT DROWNED.

A VERITABLE DEATH-TRAP.

NEWCASTLE, Sunday.

The surf claimed another victim this morning, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Newcastle. Mr. Walter Neve, who was carried off by the undertow and drowned before help could reach him. This is the third drowning fatally on the beach at Newcastle in the last few days. As in the case of the late Norman Quayle, the dangerous undertow was the cause of the fatality, and this changing current is coming to be regarded as a death-trap to even the most cautious bather.

As had been his daily custom for many years, Mr. Neve, who resided in Watt-street, Newcastle, went to the beach at about 10 o'clock for his morning dip. He entered the water on the main beach rather close to the rocks at the northern end, which is usually called the "safety" beach. At the time there were seven other bathers, three ladies and four gentlemen. The tide was almost down, and occasionally heavy seas broke on the beach. A strong current was running along the shore from the north, skirting the edge of the beach, and as it reached the rocks at the northern end, great ripples of water were thrown up. The sand at this point was scoured out by the action of the current, and the water at low tide rushed with great force through this gap, and the bathers were in great danger. Mr. Neve was the first to be carried off, and he was seen to be struggling in the water. He was not seen again until he was found floating in the sea. He was about 70 years of age, and had been a resident of Newcastle for many years. He was a well-known and respected member of the community. His death was a great loss to the city.

Before his fellow-bathers realised his predicament the unfortunate man was beyond the reach of help, except by the use of the life-line. He rushed to the shore, and with a shout of "Help!" he was taken up by the "Wharf Labourers' Union," who were going to the assistance, when he was obliged to help his wife, who was for a moment in some danger. When Mr. Neve was taken up he made a great effort to regain the shore, and with failing strength swam in the direction of the beach. Finding the current too powerful to be then threw up his arms and shouted "Help!" He was then taken up by the "Wharf Labourers' Union," who were going to the assistance, when he was obliged to help his wife, who was for a moment in some danger. When Mr. Neve was taken up he made a great effort to regain the shore, and with failing strength swam in the direction of the beach. Finding the current too powerful to be then threw up his arms and shouted "Help!" 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